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Dear Sirs or Madams:

**PROTEST PERIOD FOR APPLICATION 31165 OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AND WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (MUNI/WESTERN) AND 31174 AND APPLICATION 31174 OF ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (OCWD)**

The Division of Water Rights is processing a number of applications in the Santa Ana River watershed. Application processing is in different stages for the various filings. Two of the applications, Applications 31165 of Muni/Western and 31174 of OCWD were publicly noticed on January 11, 2002. The 60-day protest period ends on March 11. The Chino Basin Watermaster (Watermaster) has requested that the protest period be extended until the Watermaster's application is accepted for filing.

The Santa Ana River system has been designated as fully appropriated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). We are unable to accept the remaining applications for processing until a limited revision to the Declaration of Fully Appropriated Streams (Declaration) is made by the SWRCB for those filings. A hearing before the SWRCB is required in order to do this. We are currently processing three petitions seeking limited revisions to allow the SWRCB to accept applications by the Watermaster, Muni/Western and San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (District). The petitions and accompanying applications were described in my letter of January 11, 2002. We will conduct the hearing on this matter as soon as practicable. A hearing notice will be issued which describes the procedure for participating in the hearing.

In order to integrate the processing of the five filings, we are granting the Watermaster's request to extend the protest period for Applications 31165 and 31174. The protest period will close 15 days after adoption of an order on the petitions to revise the Declaration for purposes of processing the applications filed by the Watermaster, Muni/Western and the District.

Katherine Mrowka is the staff person presently assigned to this matter. If you require further assistance, please contact Ms. Mrowka at (916) 341-5363.

Sincerely,

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